



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Certificate No. EV 537016651 US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: November 23, 2004

Signature:

Georgina Matos
(Georgina Matos)

Docket No.: 316082000121
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Michael D. DAN et al.

Application No.: 09/194,164

Art Unit: 1642

Filed: April 9, 1999

Examiner: C. Yaen

For: ANTIGEN BINDING FRAGMENTS THAT
SPECIFICALLY DETECT CANCER CELLS,
NUCLEOTIDES ENCODING THE
FRAGMENTS, AND USE THEREOF FOR THE
PROPHYLAXIS AND DETECTION OF
CANCERS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Communication dated August 24, 2004 (Paper No. 08192004), for which a response was due on September 24, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 24, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

11/30/2004 FEANAE1A 00000044 031952 09194164

01 FC:2252 215.00 DA

PA-934750